

Would you like to know how **to create on-line materials?**

Do you want to engage your students in **virtual field trips** to distant locations?

Are you interested in using technologies **to connect your class** with students in other locations?

If you find these questions intriguing, you might be interested in becoming a **specialist in distance learning!**

The Endorsement Program

The Department of Instructional Technology at Utah State University, in partnership with the Utah State Office Of Education and the Utah Education Network, is excited to offer an endorsement in distance learning.

A unique professional development opportunity, the Distance Learning Endorsement Program is open to teachers in all subject areas and grade levels who have at least three years' teaching experience. As distance learning specialists, teachers who earn the endorsement will be prepared to meet the challenges of teaching and learning at a distance. Specifically, they will:

- ?? develop an understanding of teaching and learning in settings where students are separated from the teacher by distance and/or time,
- ?? acquire the skills needed to design effective instruction and integrate distance learning resources into class instruction,
- ?? become proficient users of distributed learning technologies.

Utah State University Summer Credit Workshop

Designed for in-service teachers, the Distance Learning Workshop is the first of four experiences in a year long program that will lead to an endorsement in distance learning. The intensive, week-long workshop will focus on effective practice, preparing teachers with the techniques to teach and facilitate learning at a distance. Participants will develop the skills they will need to be effective distance learners in completing the remaining requirements of the endorsement program.

The program will model distance learning techniques throughout the year. Students will participate in on-line classes and several EDNET teleconferences from their home community. The project starts this summer (2001) and will finish during summer semester (2002).

In particular, participants in the workshop will learn:

- ?? how to create and deliver instruction using the EDNET system and the Internet
- ?? how to use tools such as email, video conferencing, and on-line discussions
- ?? how to use web course development tools, and create distance learning materials including graphics, web pages, and audio and video streaming
- ?? how to locate and evaluate on-line resources for teaching and learning

Building on the theme of a mountain man rendezvous, the Distance Learning Workshop will bring educators together for learning and fun. Participants will learn about distance learning by engaging in it, develop a collaborative distance learning community with other educators, and exchange techniques and resources for successful distance teaching and learning which they will practice and use during the coming school year.

Activities will include a keynote presentation by a nationally recognized expert on K-12 distance learning; a variety of hands-on workshops conducted by technology specialists and distance learning practitioners; labs with on-site tutors; field trips and demonstrations; and a Dutch Oven Cookout in beautiful Logan Canyon.

Workshop Location

The workshop will be held June 5-9 in the Emma Eccles Jones Education Building on the campus of Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Activities will be held daily beginning at 8:00 AM; several evening programs will also be scheduled.

Tuition

This workshop is offered for three graduate credits. The workshop fee is as follows:

Tuition	\$
Workshop Fee	

Tuition scholarships and stipends are available.

Lodging

To make your stay in Logan simple and easy, the University Inn and downtown hotels are working together to provide lodging arrangements. Participants are encouraged to secure arrangements as early as possible.

To make arrangements or for more information, call (800) 231-5634 or (435) 797-0017.

For more information, visit the Distance Learning Endorsement program web site at <http://dlendorsement.usu.edu> or email us at dlendorsement@coe.usu.edu or call (435) 797-3616. The class starts soon and space is limited.

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